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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

3 State Highway Element

- State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP): Modifies funding for this lump sum project due to deletion of "I-580/I-205 Truck Climbing Lane" project from the SJCOG's SHOPP lump sum list as most of the project parameters are outside SJCOG's jurisdiction. The amendment reduces funding for the construction phase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002/03 by \$10,434,000.
- The amendment changes the program category for "Southbound I-5 near 8th St. at Walker Slough Bridge" and "Northbound I-5 near Stockton Channel Viaduct to Mount Diablo" projects from "SHOPP" to "Retrofit Soundwall Program." See enclosure.

I am recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve the FTIP Amendment No. 3 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the SJCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP Amendment is therefore consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SJCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS for each project.

SJCOG has deferred the FTIP Amendment No. 4 pending approval of an agreement, to advance the projects proposed in the amendment, by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) pursuant to Assembly Bill 3090.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
JIM NICHOLAS**

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Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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